GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA

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NORMS FOR SOFT DRINKS
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) has not notified the norms for the permissible limit of pesticide residue in soft drinks so far;

(b) if so, the details therefor;

(c) whether any responsibility has been fixed against the officials for delay in notification of the said norms; and

(d) the steps taken by the Government to expedite the notification of the norms?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) & (b): Setting of norms for permissible limit of pesticide residues in soft drinks comes under the purview of the Prevention of Food Adulteration Act, 1954 and Rules framed thereunder, which is administered by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare. It was, therefore, considered appropriate to await prescription of the permissible limits of the pesticide residues in soft drinks under the said Act by the Ministry of Health and Family Welfare before the same could also be reflected in the relevant Indian Standards for Carbonated Beverages.

(c) &(d): Do not arise.